Interim recommendations of the fourth Central Pay Commission

171. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI ARABINDA GHOSH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Fourth Central Pay Commission is not making any interim recommendations to provide intermediate relief to the Central Government employees; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) and (b) According to para 4 of the Government Resolution dated 29th July, 1983 setting up the Fourth Central Pay Commission, the Commission may consider, if necessary, sending reports on any of the matters as and when the recommendations are finalised. Government have so far not received any report from the Commission.

Manufacture of light helicopter in collaboration with a West German firm

172. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a deal to indigenously design and produce a modern advanced light helicopter for the Indian Air Force and the Navy is being finalised with a West German firm;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the first India made helicopter is likely to take to the skies?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Agreement for the design and development of an Advanced Light Helicopter has been concluded with M|s. MBB of the Federal Republic of Germany on 21st July, 1984. The 7-year Agreement envisages that the first prototype will fly in about 4 years time.

(c) The Indian made helicopters will be delivered to the Services in early 1990s.

Searches conducted under FERA

173. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of searches conducted by the Enforcement Directorate under FERA from January to June 1984;

(b) what are the details of cash and other documents seized as a result of these searches; and

(c) what is the number of persons arrested for violation of FERA regulations?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) During the period January to June 1984 the Enforcement Directorate conducted 1191 searches; resulting in the seizure of incriminating documents; Indian currency totalling Rs. 71.42 lakhs and foreign currency worth Rs. 23.22 lakhs (approx)

(c) During the above period; 71 persons were arrested under the provisions of Foreign Exchange Regulation Act.

FICCI suggestion for promotion of Tourism

174. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry has recently urged upon Government to take urgent measures to promote tourism in the country which has suffered following the withdrawal of landing permit facility to individual tourists and also due to the high cost of total package offered to the tourists; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?